The Boke of Knowledge:

whyther a ſycke perſon beynge in peryll ſhall lyue, or dye, &c.

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Hyppocras moste connynge of all Physycions, commaunded that the Analogye of all his wo[r]kes of physyche, shulde be layde in his Sepulture vnder his heed, whiche was so done. And where as the Emperour of rome commynge by his Tombe sawe it ryche ly wrought, supposed that great treasour was hyde in it. For the people in those dayes vsed moche to hyde their money in tombes. And when it was opened he founde the sayde Analogy, there vnder his heed, in whiche all his wo[r]kes were, he toke it awaye and shewed it to no man, but to Anadeus a Physycion. And in it they founde medycynes moste holsome for diseases of mannes body, And syth that was specyfied ỹ tokens which foloweth, that doth Pronostyke whyther a sycke persone beynge in peryll, shall dye or lyue. &c.

¶ The syȝne token of deth.

¶ Yf a man haue swellyng in his face or payne in his hed without cowghe/ and putteth his lefte hande ofte vpon his breste, and is belye in clawynge of his noselrylles, betokeneth

¶ Also an experyment to proue lyfe or death.

¶ Put his eyen vpon burnynge coles, and yf it synke he shall dye, and yf not he shall lyue.

¶ Another experyment of the same.

¶ Caule the sycke person to spytte in a vessell of water, and yf it go to the bottome, he shall dye, and yf it swymme a boue he shall lyue.

¶ Also the fourth token.

¶ Yf a man swete moche in any maner dissease, it is good, yf he dyspayre not.

¶ Another and the lyke.

¶ If the sycke tourne hym ofte to the wall, it is an euyll sygne.

¶ Another and the lyke.

¶ If the patient haue thyn nosetyrylles or the tippe of his nose sharpe, or a sharpe lobe, and holowe temples, hangyng lyppes, and colde eares, and tourneth his heed where his feete were, it sygnyfyeth soone death.

¶ Another and the seuenth.

¶ If the pacyent put his handes ofte to his heed, & drawe his fete vp to hym, betokeneth that he shall escape.

¶ Also other tokens of deth, whiche the the cunnyng physycion Galyen setteth as foloweth.

¶ He sayth þ these are tokens of death when the forehed is red, the browes hangeth downe. The lefte eye is lasse and watereth. The typpe of the nose whyte, the chyne falleth, the fete coleth and the brethe decayeth, is sygnes of deth.

¶ Also the nynth experyment to knowe lyfe or deth.

¶ Take the pacyentes vrine, and a womans mylke, that nourysheth a man chyld he, and medle them togyther, & yf they

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go in to ouer, he shall lyue: and yf they departe he shall dye.

¶ For to knowe whyther ye shall dye within .xii. monthes or not.

¶ Lette a droppe of your blode falle in to a dysshe of water. And yf it descende holeinto the bottome, he shall lyue that yeare, and yf not, but go abrode not.

¶ Also another maner.

¶ Ye rubbe also well the forheed of the syche with a tablet, or other suche of copper fro the one eare to the other, & yf he slepe after, he shall lyue, or els not.

¶ Also of the sharpe ague an experyment often proued.

¶ Take a curtesy of the patyentes blode and bryne and medle it with the mylke of a woman that norysheth a man chylde, and yf they myxt together, he shall lyue or els he shall not.

¶ Also another and the leuynth.

¶ If a feauntyse man haue hardenes lynge without digestyon, he shall dye the .ix. daye.

¶ Also another and therwelke.
Eye that bomyteth blode, and haue
swellynge in any lymme, as toghte as
a trumpet lyke a egyppcian beane, shall
dye the. xl. daye after.

¶ Also another & the. xiii.
¶ If the iyes be holowe, & the mouth
open whan he slepeth, and yf he be not
accustomed so, and yf his lefte eye wate
he shall dye the thyrde daye.

¶ Another and the. xiiii.
¶ If the pacyent bydde the physycion
farewell, or stretche forth his fete, and
caste his handes vpon his bely, he shall
dye the thyrde daye.

¶ Another and the. xv.
¶ If the pacyent bydde the physycion
farewell and put his handes to his hed
and drawe vp his fete, he shall escape.

¶ Also the proue of a syeke man
that can not slepe.
¶ Stampe henbane & mynte and laye
it on his forehede playsterwyse, and yf
he slepe not soone after he shall dye.

Also

¶ Also another Treatyse of Ypocras begynneth.

Whether that falleth sycke the fyrst daye of the Moneth, it is to be feryd of hym the seconde daye, the whiche yf he escape, he shall escape tyll the .xxx. daye. And yf he fall sycke the seconde daye, it is to feare of hym the .x. daye, and yf he escape that he shalbe longe sycke, notwithstandynge he shall escape.

And yf he fall sycke the thyrde daye, he shall be delyuered without doubte.

And yf he fall sycke the fourth daye, he shall be sore in payne tyll the .viii. daye, and then shall he very well escape.

And yf he fall sycke fyfth daye, he shall be sore sycke, yet he shall escape.

And yf he falle sycke the syxte daye, he shall seme to be hole, yet he shall dye some daye of the nexte moneth.

And yf he fall sycke the seuenth daye, he shall be delyuered without greefe.

And yf he fall sycke the eyght daye, he shall be in meetely helth tyll the leuenth

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daye, and then after soone shall dye.
And yf he fall sycke the nynthe daye, he
shall escape w̄ meruaylous great paine
And he that falleth sycke the tenth day,
he shall dye without doubte.
And he that falleth sycke the ieuenth
daye, he shall be delyuered the next day
And yf he fall sycke the twelfe daye, he
shall dye the .xb. daye.
And yf he fall sycke the .xiii. day, he shal
be sore vexed tyll the .xviii. daye, and yf
he escape then, he shall be delyuered.
And yf he fall sycke the .xiiii. day, he may
escape, yf he lyue tyll the .xb. daye.
And he that taketh syckenes ꝑ. xv. daye
except he recouer within .xviii. dayes,
he shall dye shortely after.
And yf a man fall sycke the .xvi. day, he
shall be sycke tyll ꝑ. xviii. daye & escape
And yf a man take syckenes the .xvii.
daye, he shall dye the .x. daye.
And yf a man take syckenes the .xviii.
he shall be delyuered at length.
And yf a man take syckenes ꝑ. xix. daye.
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he shalbe delyuered at length.

¶ And yf a person fall sycke the .xx. day the patyent shall dye the nexte monthe. And he that fall sycke the .xxi. daye, and he dye not the .x. after he shalbe in greate peryll, yet he shalbe delyuered the nexte moneth after.

¶ If a body fall sycke the .xxii. daye although he be in greuous payne tyll the x. day he shall not dye tyll ỹ next mõthe.

If a person take sycknes .xxiii. day, he shall be delyuered though it be with greuous payne the other monthe.

If a person fall sycke the .xxiiii. daye, he shall dye the next monthe.

If a body fall sycke the .xxv. daye albeit he shall haue some payne, yet he shall well escape that daunger.

If a body fall sycke the .xxvi. daye, yet he shall well escape.

If a person fall sycke the .xxvii. though he be at poynte of deth, he shall be delyuered the next monthe.

If a person fall sycke the .xxviii. daye, he

is thretyn to dye, yet he maye eskape.
If a body fall lyoke the.xvi.daye, yet he maye be delyuered the xxyte monthe by lytell and lytell.
If a person fall syeke the.xxv.daye it is in doubte yf ypacyent shall dye or lyue. And also the.xxvi. daye lykewyse.

Explicit.

Howe to knowe whether a wounded man shall dye or lyue.

Stampe pympernell and distempre it with water, and gyue it hym to drynke, and yf it go out at the wounde, then he shall dye or elis not.

Another for the same.

Gyue hym whyte Lettuce to drynke with water, & yf he pet braket, he shall dye, yf not he shall lyue.

A Pronostycacion set forth, by the sayd Galien of the daunger of pestylencial Impostume, after the poyse of the body yt is in, howbeit ingodis al.

Another begynneth of the spotted called goddes markes.

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¶ Whan the Impostume is in the patientes face so paynfull, that it may not be touched, and he leyth his lefte hande ofte vpon his brest, knowe that he shall dye the .xv. daye, and specyally whanne he handleth his noselettyles in begynnynge of his sycknes, whan great Impostumes are in any of both kners, it is to knowe he shall not dye tyll after the viii. daye, and then he maye escape, and especyally yf he swete moche at the begynnyng of his knees, whanit chaungeth that lytell whelke cõmeth vpon the payne, whiche is on the nape of the nerke, and vpon as it were a maner of powder, knowe that he shall dye the xi. daye of his sycknes, and especyall tokens is yf he haue great thurste at the begynnynge of his sycknes, whan whelkes are vpon his tonge lyke dogges fleys, knowe that he shall dye the same daye, and the tokens is ye begynnynge of his sycknes, he defyeth tryng (which ate nacurallye hote. ¶ Whan lytell blacke

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wheles are vpon any of his fyngers, that are lore, knowe that he shall dye ye xv. day after the begynnyng of that sykenes, and another token is yt he be payneful and heuy in his body. Whan lyer ill wo-men wheles are in the thombe of the patyentes lefte hāde lyke browne beanes of colour or pale, whiche are not lore. Then knowe that the patient shall dye the. xiii. day of his sykenes. Another token is that a ron the myddel tood of the lefte foote.

Finis.

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